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**OPPOSITION URGED
TO ATOMIC TESTING**

To the Editor:

The dangers of the combination of our huge military establishment with the financial interests which profit from military preparations and which employ retired and well pensioned admirals and generals at fat salaries were pointed out by President Eisenhower. The pressure of this powerful combination—which includes the Central Intelligence Agency and the Atomic Energy Commission—on President Kennedy can now be seen in his threat to resume underground atomic tests.

It is indeed discouraging that the Russians should now retreat from an agreed point and insist on an unacceptable "troika" arrangement subject to individual veto. However, we should remember that we, in the course of test ban talks, have more than once retreated from our own proposals when the Russians reached the point of accepting them. Also, we have at times insisted on conditions that were as unacceptable to them as their "troika" is to us.

Furthermore, the question should be asked whether our at-

titude of determined hostility and our Cuban-invasion type activities have increased Russian distrust to the point of interposing this obstruction.

For the sake of ourselves and the human race we should continue to negotiate and should refrain from a resumption of underground testing! We should not be lulled into believing that relations from them is sealed off harmlessly, that there is no danger of damaging the geological structure of the earth, that such tests contribute anything we reasonably can call security.

We need to apply counter-pressure to that of our powerful military-industrial complex which opposes disarmament. An excellent way to do this is to write letters to the President, Secretary of State, Senator Fulbright, and the Senators from our own states. Let's write them today!

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